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# SURVEY SEEKS ANSWERS ABOUT AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

February 27, 2009 by JoLynne Lyon

Doctors' offices in northern Utah will be surveyed about autism screening in March, as part of a larger effort to implement Utah's State Plan for Improving Outcomes for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASDs) and other Developmental Disabilities.

Autism spectrum disorder continues to be the fastest-growing developmental disability in Utah. The survey of doctors' offices in Cache, Box Elder and Rich counties will seek to further understand ASD diagnoses by asking how and when northern Utah physicians screen for autism. A featured story about the survey and early detection underscores the benefits of early intervention after an ASD diagnosis is made.

For additional background on ASDs, visit the American Academy of Pediatrics' autism page and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Learn the Signs, Act Early campaign.